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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
Washington, D.C. 20231

Prior Application Art Unit: 2815 Prior Application Examiner: E. Lee

SIR: This is a request for filing a



☒ Continuation ☐ Continuation-in-Part ☐ Divisional Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior Application No. 09/527,563 filed March 16, 2000 of Shinsuke SAKAMOTO, Yasuo INBE, Masakazu YAGINUMA, Kazunari HORIKAWA and Toshikazu SEI for SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT DEVICE AND WIRING ARRANGING METHOD THEREOF

1. ☒ Enclosed is a complete copy of the prior application including the oath or Declaration and drawings, if any, as originally filed. I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of prior Application No. 09/527,563 as originally filed on March 16, 2000, which is incorporated herein by reference.
2. ☐ Enclosed is a substitute specification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.125.
3. ☐ Enclosed is a Request for Non-Publication of Application and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i).
4. ☐ Cancel Claims _____.
5. ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
6. ☒ The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 4 and 5 above.

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| Basic Application Filing Fee | | | | | \$740 | \$ 740.00 |
| | Number of Claims | | Basic | Extra Claims | | |
| Total Claims | 12 | - | 20 | 0 | x \$18 | 0.00 |
| Independent Claims | 2 | - | 3 | 0 | x \$84 | 0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim(s) | | | | | +\$280 | 0.00 |
| Subtotal | | | | | | \$ 740.00 |
| Reduction by 1/2 if small entity | | | | | | - 0.00 |
| TOTAL APPLICATION FILING FEE | | | | | | \$ 740.00 |

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7. ☒ A check in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the extension of time is enclosed. Applicants will await a Notice to File Missing Parts for payment of the filing fee. Thus, Applicants do not authorize payment of the filing fee from a deposit account at this time.
8. ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, or credit any overpayment during the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.
9. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line, the following new paragraph:

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This is a continuation of Application No. 09/527,563, filed March 16, 2000, which is incorporated herein by reference.

10. ☐ New formal drawings are enclosed.
11. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to: Kabushiki Kaisha Toshiba
12. ☒ Priority of Application No. 11-069907, filed on March 16, 1999 in JAPAN is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. A certified copy
- ☐ is enclosed or ☒ is on file in the prior application.
13. ☐ Small entity status is appropriate and applies to this application.
14. ☒ The power of attorney in the prior application is to at least one of the following: FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW, GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P., Douglas B. Henderson, Reg. No. 20,291; Ford F. Farabow, Jr., Reg. No. 20,630; Arthur S. Garrett, Reg. No. 20,338; Donald R. Dunner, Reg. No. 19,073; Brian G. Brunsvold, Reg. No. 22,593; Tipton D. Jennings, IV, Reg. No. 20,645; Jerry D. Voight, Reg. No. 23,020; Laurence R. Hefter, Reg. No. 20,827; Kenneth E. Payne, Reg. No. 23,098; Herbert H. Mintz, Reg. No. 26,691; C. Larry O'Rourke, Reg. No. 26,014; Albert J. Santorelli, Reg. No. 22,610; Michael C. Elmer, Reg. No. 25,857; Richard H. Smith, Reg. No. 20,609; Stephen L. Peterson, Reg. No. 26,325; John M. Romary, Reg. No. 26,331; Bruce C. Zotter, Reg. No. 27,680; Dennis P. O'Reilley, Reg. No. 27,932; Allen M. Sokal, Reg. No. 26,695; Robert D. Bajefsky, Reg. No. 25,387; Richard L. Stroup, Reg. No. 28,478; David W. Hill, Reg. No. 28,220; Thomas L. Irving, Reg. No. 28,619; Charles E. Lipsey, Reg. No. 28,165; Thomas W. Winland, Reg. No. 27,605; Basil J. Lewris, Reg. No. 28,818; Martin I. Fuchs, Reg. No. 28,508; E. Robert Yoches, Reg. No. 30,120; Barry W. Graham, Reg. No. 29,924; Susan Haberman Griffen, Reg. No. 30,907; Richard B. Racine, Reg. No. 30,415; Thomas H. Jenkins, Reg. No. 30,857; Robert E.

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15. ☒ The power appears in the original declaration of the prior application.
16. ☐ Since the power does not appear in the original declaration, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
17. ☒ Please address all correspondence to FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW, GARRETT and DUNNER, L.L.P., 1300 I Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005-3315, **Customer Number 22,852.**
18. ☐ Recognize as associate attorney _____
19. ☒ Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement with PTO 1449 Form, and Request for Approval of Drawing Change

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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGE

Subject to the approval of the Examiner, it is respectfully requested that Fig. 4 in the above-captioned application be amended by including the legend "Prior Art". The change is indicated in red on the attached copy of the originally filed drawing.

Upon approval of the proposed changes, Applicants respectfully request that the submission of revised drawing be deferred until after a notice of allowance has issued.

Respectfully submitted,

FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW,
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